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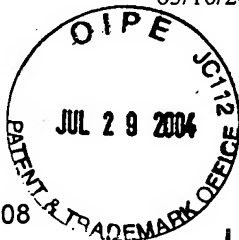


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10/797,203	03/10/2004	Phil Stewart	412024

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 1,3.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Matter No.

Applicant(s): Phil Stewart

420624

Serial No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Group Art Unit
10/797,203	March 10, 2004	Not Yet Assigned	3635

Invention TILE CAP

I hereby certify that this Transmittal Form (1 page); Response To Missing Parts (1 page); Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages); Declaration for Utility Or Design Patent Application (2 pages); Fee Transmittal For FY 2004 (1 page in duplicate); authorization to charge \$65.00 for the late filing of the declaration; authorization to charge additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-0600; and return post card are being mailed in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 29th day of July, 2004.

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	First Named Inventor	Phil Stewart
	Art Unit	3635
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Firm or Individual name	Janelle D. Strode LATHROP & GAGE LC
Signature	
Date	July 29, 2004

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated June 1, 2004 (copy appended), enclosed herewith find the following:

1. Declaration For Utility Or Design Patent Application;
2. Fee Transmittal For FY 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.20, the \$65.00 fee which is due in connection with this late filing of the Declaration, should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 12-0600. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this request should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 12-0600.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if prosecution of the application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

LATHROP & GAGE LLC

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PTO FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 65

Complete If Known

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	2001	770	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	2002	340	170	Design filing fee	
1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims: 20 ** = 0 X Fee from below = 0

Independent Claims: 3 ** = 0 X Fee from below = 0

Multiple Dependent: X Fee from below = 0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$) 0

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	2809	770	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$) 65

SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Janelle D. Strode	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,738	Telephone	(816) 460-5859
Signature		Date	July 29, 2004		

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